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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Mother's Saviour

By the Editor

Timothy never forgot "the unfeigned faith" of his mother, Eunice (II Tim. 1:5). The greatest single factor in the background of the prophet Samuel, a thing he could never forget, was that he had been wonderfully given to his mother in answer to prayer, that she had given him, while still almost a baby, to the Lord to live in the tabernacle with the priests and serve God forever!

Much of the quiet faith of Isaac he doubtless got from his mother. He too was a child of a mother's and father's prayer, born when Sarah was seventy-five years old. He stayed single until she died and grieved over her until he was forty years old. When God comforted him with the love of Rebekah, "he took her to his mother's tent" and she became his wife.

I, too, was the child of my mother's prayer. When I was twenty-five years old, a college teacher, I found a letter written by my mother to her sister twenty years before, shortly before she died, when I was five. In it she called me "my preacher boy." I inquired of my father and he said, "Yes, Son, your mother and I gave you to God when you were born, and prayed that He would make you a preacher of the Gospel. And your mother rejoiced so greatly that now she had a boy to preach the Gospel!" And all these blessed years since I was nine, I have made my mother's Saviour my Saviour. She taught me the first Gospel lessons. On her deathbed she made us promise to meet her in Heaven. A blessed, noble mother she was, and I love to do her honor on Mother's Day.

How fitting it is that on Mother's Day all of us should turn afresh to our mother's Saviour. If your mother knew the Lord Jesus and loved Him, then, oh, I plead with you for her and for the Saviour that you trust Him

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A Mother's Day Sermon

The First Commandment With Promise

By Rev. R. S. Beal, D.D., Pastor
First Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." —Exod. 20:12.

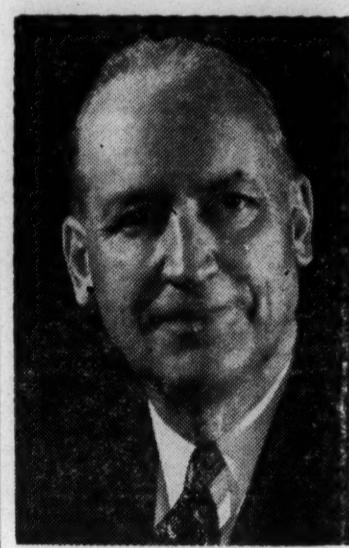
The first commandment with promise is the fifth commandment in the Decalogue so familiar to most of us. Exodus 20: 12 reads, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." When we come to Eph. 6:1-2, it is to discover an interesting comment, for we are told that this "is the first commandment with promise," and we might add that it is the only one of the Ten Commandments that contains a promise. As I have been meditating on this portion of the Word of God, it seems to afford a splendid Scriptural basis for a Mother's Day sermon. In fact, the study of it has convinced me that we have in it the recognition of Father's Day and Mother's Day rolled into one. Embodied in the heart of the Ten Commandments, is the divine recognition of that which is due our fathers and our mothers.

To get this before us, let us stop for a moment and consider the Mosaic Covenant as a whole. This glorious covenant which God gave through His servant, Moses, consisted of three parts. The first was the Ten Commandments themselves which expressed the righteous will of God. Then came what

the Scriptures call "the judgments" which governed the social life of the nation and also its sanitation problems. Finally came the ordinances which regulated the religious life of the people. These involved the tabernacle, its priesthood and its various sacrifices. We are dealing with just one commandment taken out of the first phase of the Mosaic covenant.

It is well to remember that the law of Moses had a threefold presentation. It was given orally, as we read in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. Then it was in-

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Dr. R. S. Beal

Will You Be One of

"Gideon's 300"?

Wanted: 300 People to Give \$100 Each for Sword Building. Others Will Give from \$1 to \$1,000. Must Raise \$44,000 By August 1

By Editor John R. Rice

This August 1, the Sword of the Lord Foundation has obligated itself to make the final payment of \$44,000 in cash on Presbyterian Church Property in downtown Wheaton. The lot is approximately 165x165. It contains the church building, the pastor's home, and another large two-story building used now for Sunday School classes, kindergarten, etc., originally a 10-room home. Our purpose is to use this site for a substantial, roomy office building which will house all the offices of the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

We first made a \$5,000 payment last fall. Then we raised, by the wonderful help of Christian people, \$17,000, to be paid last January 1. It was a blessed answer to prayer. We agreed to pay the balance, a total of \$44,000, August 1. The Presbyterian Church needs this money to use on their own new building, and we are to take possession of the property August 1. By our agreement, one-tenth of the total price (\$6,600) may be forfeited if we do not pay the \$44,000 August 1. So to safeguard the property, to save definite loss, and for our own good name, we must raise the \$44,000 and pay it August 1.

Our present buildings are inadequate. Building Number One was an old warehouse, about 50' x 80', common brick, with two stories and basement, on the back of the lot with an old residence in front of it. It cost us \$10,500. We fitted it up into usable office space during wartime. However, two years ago we found ourselves over-run, crowded out, and in October, 1952, we bought our second building, the former Inspiration building on Front Street in Wheaton. It is a much nicer

building, but smaller, on Front Street, on the other side of the block from our first building. Both buildings are now full, the work is divided. The two buildings will not be adequate for the future, and there is constant hindrance because the office staffs are divided in two buildings.

We plan to build an adequate office building on the new property and to save Building Number One, the old warehouse building, for shipping room, printing, storage, etc.

Will You Be One of a New Gideon's Band?

THE SWORD OF THE LORD has its name from the cry of Gideon's band, "The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon" (Judges 7:18, 20). THE SWORD first came out under the name, "The Sword of the Lord, and of John R. Rice." Because that seemed too much emphasis upon one man, we changed it and it simply became THE SWORD OF THE LORD. But this Christian magazine has set out to bring back revival, to fight for the fundamentals of the faith, to build up Christians in soul-winning power and in holy living, to teach the neglected truth of Christ's second coming and of the power of the Holy Spirit. The paper is marked by a bold attack on sin, along with the most brotherly and kindly cooperation with all born-again, Bible-believing, soul-winning Christians. The scriptural name, "The Sword of the Lord," was adopted because we intended and intend now to stand up for God, Christ, the Bible, holy living, and soul winning. We expected a warfare against sin, and we ex-

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When Jesus Came

by
Oswald J. Smith, Litt. D.

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In II Timothy 1:10 you will find these words, "Our Saviour, Jesus Christ . . . hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

The reason Jesus Christ means so much to the world is because He brought mankind a great new hope—the hope of life beyond the grave. He robed death of its sting and the grave of its victory. He brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Until Jesus Christ came, men died without hope. Death was feared, for death was an enemy. Men hated it, fought against it, dreaded its arrival. He told of a future life; a life of endless bliss and joy, a life where there would be no more pain. Never before had men heard of such a life.

Can you imagine what it meant to those who feared evil spirits and who all their lifetime were subject to bondage? Or those who dreaded the fires of purgatory? Can you think of the heathen who could only look forward to a weary round of life and suffering and rebirth in some other form, and

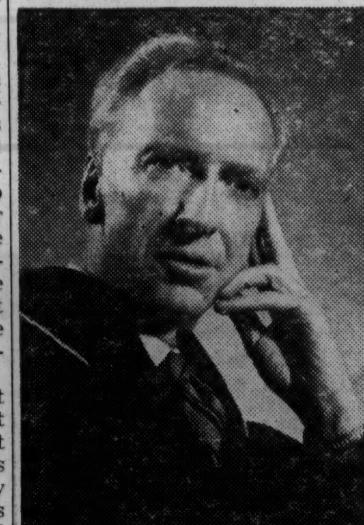
then, at last, the total loss of consciousness in a pantheistic god?

Oh, the joy, the relief, when they heard of a glorious resurrection and a life of endless bliss with Jesus Christ. What a hope! What a deliverance! No transmigration of souls! No rebirth into animals or men! No purgatory or dread of evil spirits! No future suffering! Instead, Heaven, Paradise, the Father's House, the Many Mansions. A life with Christ in a place where there would be joy unutterable and peace indescribable.

It starts, this life, the moment the soul leaves the body, and it lasts eternally. First with Christ in Paradise, then the glorious Resurrection when soul and body are reunited, then forever! God's Heaven. What a prospect! And all because Jesus came and redeemed us from sin. What a revelation!

If it had not been for Jesus, there would have been no future. All would have been darkness, hope—

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Dr. Oswald Smith

15 Wonderful Scriptural Chapters on

**Personal Work in
SOUL WINNING**

By the Late World-Wide Evangelist;
Bible School Builder and Bible Teacher
Dr. R. A. TORREY

Chapter II

The Conditions of Success

I. The first condition of success in personal work, and in all soul-saving work, is a **personal experimental knowledge of Jesus Christ as a Saviour**. It was because the Apostle Paul could say:

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief!"—I Tim. 1:15; that he had power in bringing other men to that Saviour. It is the man who knows Jesus as his own Saviour, who will have a longing to bring others to this wonderful Saviour whom he has himself found; and it is the man who knows Jesus as his Saviour who will understand how to bring others to the Saviour whom he has found. There are many today who are trying to save others, who are not saved themselves. There are others, who, while they are probably saved men, have such a vague knowledge of Christ as their own Saviour, that they can not hope to make the way of salvation clear to others.

A personal, experimental knowledge of Jesus Christ as a Saviour includes three things:

1. A knowledge that our own sins have been forgiven because Jesus bore them in His own body on the Cross:

2. A knowledge that the risen Christ is delivering us daily from the power of sin;

3. An absolute surrender of our wills to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Master.

II. The second condition of success in personal work is really involved in the first, and is a life clean within and without.

In II Timothy 2:21 we read,

"If a man therefore purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

If a man is to be used of God, his life must be clean—not only his outward life as the world sees it, but his inward secret life as it is known only to God and to himself. One who holds on to any sin of act or thought or affection cannot expect to have power with a holy God, and consequently cannot expect to have power for God. Many a man and woman of great natural gifts, and unusual knowl-

edge of the Bible, are trying to do work for God and meet with little or no success. People wonder why it is that their work is so devoid of results, but if we knew their secret life as God knows it, we would understand their failure; there is sin before God. It has been often said, and well said that "God does not demand a beautiful vessel for His work, but He does demand a clean one." Many are working on in disappointment and failure, working hard but accomplishing nothing, because God sees sin in their inner life which they will not give up.

III. The third condition of success in personal work is *a surrendered life, a life wholly given up to God*. Paul was mighty as a worker for Christ because he could say,

"For to me to live is Christ." The miracle of the five loaves and two fishes (Matt. 14:17-20) is deeply significant. The disciples said unto Jesus, "We have here but five loaves, and two fishes." He said, Bring them hither to me." We are told with a good deal of emphasis upon the definite article, He "took the five loaves and the two fishes," that is, He took all that they had. It was not much, but they brought it all. Then He blessed it and broke it and there was an abundance for all. But if one of these insignificant barley loaves had been kept back, or one of these little fishes, there would not have been enough to go around.

We too, may not have much, it may be only five barley crackers and two little fishes, but if we will bring them all, absolutely all to Christ, He will take them, bless them and multiply them; but if we hold back one cracker or one fish, He will not bless and multiply. Here lies the secret of failure in many a one who would work for Christ; there is one cracker kept back, or one little fish. We talk very lightly of absolute surrender to God, but it means more than most people who profess it seem to realize. I would ask each reader of these pages,

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have you brought all to Christ—absolutely all—absolutely ALL?

IV. The one who would have success in personal work must have a deep realization that *men out of Christ are lost*. Jesus had this. He said,

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

When He looked upon men living in sin, He knew and realized the utter ruin of their condition. The same thing was true of Paul. We read in Acts 20:31 that he "ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." He knew that if one had not a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, he was eternally lost. This overwhelming conviction that men and women out of Christ are eternally lost seems to be very rare in our day, and this is one great reason why so few have real power in soul winning. How can we get this realization?

1. First of all, by studying what the Bible has to say about the present standing and condition and future destiny of those who are out of Christ.

2. By believing what the Bible says upon these points without trying to tone it down, and make it fit in with the popular notions of the day.

3. By dwelling upon these truths about the lost condition of men out of Christ until they take hold upon our hearts and we realize their meaning. These things are not pleasant to think about, but they are true, and we ought to think about them until our souls are on fire to save men from the awful condition of utter ruin in which they now are, and from the destiny of eternal shame and despair to which they are hurrying.

V. The fifth condition of success in personal work is love. Nothing wins like love. In the first place it leads to untiring effort for the salvation of others. If I really love men, I cannot bear the thought that they should be lost forever, and I will be willing to work day and night to save them from such an awful destiny.

In the second place, love attracts others to us. There is nothing so irresistible as love. It is Jesus Christ lifted up on the cross, a revelation of God's love and of His own love to man, that draws all men unto Him (John 12:32). Men will not put you off if they really believe that you love them, but they will never believe that you love them unless you really do. We need not only love to men, but love to Christ.

It was the love of Christ that constrained Paul to his untiring efforts to bring men to a knowledge of Christ. The great men and women of Christian history have been the men and women who have had a great love to Christ, men and women whose hearts were all aglow with love to the glorious Son of God.

But how can we get love? First of all, by dwelling upon Christ's love to us.

"We love Him, because He first loved us."—I John 4:19.

We shall never appreciate Christ's love to us until we see it against the black background of our own sin. It is the one who is forgiven much who loves much (Luke 7:47). The one who has never been brought to a deep realization of his own sinfulness before God will have no warmth of love to that Saviour who, by His own atoning death on the cross, redeemed him from the awful depth to which he had sunk. The Apostle Paul realized that he was the chief of sinners, and that Jesus loved him and gave Himself for him, so he was full of love to Jesus Christ.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief."—I Tim. 1:15.

"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."—Gal. 2:20.

If we are to have love to Christ and love to men, the Holy Ghost must impart it. The first fruit of the Spirit is love:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith."—Gal. 5:22.

If we will look to the Holy Spirit to do His whole work in our hearts, He will soon fill them with

love to Christ and love to our fellow-men.

VI. The sixth condition of success in personal work is *perseverance*. No work requires so much patience and perseverance as soul-winning. Men are not usually won to Christ in a day. You must hold on to men day after day, week after week, month after month, and if need be, year after year. You must not give them up even though you seem to make absolutely no headway at first, and even though you seem to do more harm than good.

When you start out to lead a man to Christ, keep after that man until he is saved, no matter how long it takes. Study how to get at men who are unreachable. Men who cannot be reached in one way can in another. There are very few men in the world to whose hearts there is not an open door somewhere, if we will only search diligently until we find it. If we cannot get in at the door, perhaps we can break up the roof and get in that way. Any one who wishes to win souls at the rate of one every fifteen minutes better go into some other business. Take time; never give up; and do thorough work.

I waited and watched fifteen long years to get my chance with one man. Never a day passed for all those fifteen years that I did not speak to God about that man. At last my chance came, and it was my privilege to lead him to Christ. He afterwards became a preacher of the Gospel, and is now in Heaven. I was with him the day before he died, and shall never forget that day as long as I live. When you undertake to bring a man to Christ, never give up.

VII. The seventh condition of success in personal work is a *practical knowledge of the Bible*.

"Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."—II Tim. 3:16, 17, R. V.

In the Bible is all the truth we need in dealing with men. The Word of God is the only instrument that God has appointed for the salvation of men, and the only instrument He honors is the Word. It is the Word that produces conviction of sin. It is the Word that regenerates. It is the Word that produces faith:

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"—Acts 2:37.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."—I Pet. 1:23.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 10:17.

If then we are to be used in soul winning, we must know the Bible. There are five texts that ought to sink deep into the heart of every personal worker. They are:

1. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 10:17.

2. "The seed is the word of God."—Luke 8:11, last clause.

3. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."—I Pet. 1:23.

4. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."—Eph. 6:17.

5. "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"—Jer. 23:29.

The personal worker who depends upon any other instrument than the Word of God is doomed to failure. But we must have a practical knowledge of the Bible, that is, we must know how to use it for definite results. A great many men have a large theoretical knowledge of the Bible, but no practical knowledge. They do not know how to use the Bible so as to accomplish anything definite by its use.

In an inquiry meeting one evening, I asked one of the best Bible scholars in America to speak to an inquirer and show her the way of life, and he whispered in my ear, "I don't know how to do

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WHERE TO SEE AND HEAR

Evangelist
JOHN R. RICE

Friends of the Sword of the Lord are especially invited to hear the editor at the following engagements:

May 9-12 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sagamore and Daniel Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Lee Roberson will also be speaking in this conference on the tenth and eleventh.

May 13-16 at Mid-City Baptist Church, New Orleans, Rev. Paul Driscoll, pastor. Dr. Lee Roberson will speak in services on Thursday, May 13, also.

June 14-20 at the Bill Rice Ranch and Conference Ground, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a working conference. Dr. Rice speaks twice daily. Four hours of hard manual labor daily pay for meals and bed for men and young men.

June 28-July 4, Lake Arrowhead Conference Ground, nine miles south of Binghamton, New York. Sword Conference, write for printed folder, program, rates.

July 4-10, Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia.

July 11-17, Practical Christian Life Conference at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia. Big twelve-page folder, full information, pictures, rates, program for both weeks at Lake Louise.

July 20-30, Summer school, Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga. Daily lessons on revival by Evangelist John R. Rice, daily instructions on building a soul-winning church and Sunday School by Dr. Lee Roberson, other classes. Rooms free for pastors and wives. Inexpensive meals. Write for reservation at once.

that." A small practical knowledge of the Bible is better in personal work than a large theoretical knowledge. A practical knowledge of the Bible involves four things:

1. A knowledge how to so use the Bible as to show men, and make men realize, their need of a Saviour.

2. A knowledge of how to use the Bible so as to show men Jesus as just the Saviour who meets their need.

3. A knowledge of how to use the Bible so as to show men how to make Jesus their own Saviour.

4. A knowledge of how to use the Bible so as to meet the difficulties that stand in the way of their accepting Christ.

A large part of the following pages will be devoted to imparting this particular kind of Bible knowledge.

VIII. The eighth condition of success in personal work is *prayer*. God honors prayer. In nothing does He honor it more than in the matter of soul winning. The one who is to be much used of God in soul winning, must spend much time in prayer. There are four things for which we must especially pray:

1. We must ask God to bring to us, or us to, the right persons. We cannot speak with every one. If we attempt it, we will spend much time in speaking where we can do no good, that we might have used in speaking where we could have accomplished something for Christ. God alone knows the one to whom He intends us to speak, and we must ask Him to point him out to us, and expect Him to do it.

"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."—Acts 8:29.

2. We should ask God to give us the right message in each case where we do speak with any one. We can learn much by studying what is the right message for any given class of men, but after all our study, we must look directly to God for the right message in each individual case. Many cases will baffle us, but no case will baffle God. We need and must have the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit in each individual case. Every experienced worker could testify to many instances in

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Thousands Crowd Tent Nightly to Hear Evangelist Jack Shuler in Modesto, California

This Is The Way!

Letters Like These Rejoice Our Heart. Get Your Letter in During "Letter Month" in May.

By the Editor

May is Letter Month. During this month we offer every encouragement for people to write to us. Tell us of blessings received through THE SWORD OF THE LORD, offer suggestions or honest criticism. Remember that to everyone who writes a letter and requests it, we will send free the brand-new pamphlet, twenty-four large pages, *Pearls of Paradise*. This beautiful pamphlet with purple pictured cover contains two strong articles. One is a blessed

message on the 208 wonderful names of Jesus. These "pearls of paradise" are better than a Catholic rosary, better than the Mohammedan's beads representing the names of Allah. Dr. Clinton N. Howard, famous Christian statesman and orator has blessed the hearts of multitudes with this address. The other chapter included is "A Thrilling Christmas On the Frontier," a heart-moving story of answered prayer and Christmas blessings. Remember, this large pamphlet is yours simply on request. Send not a post card, please, but a letter. Ask for only one pamphlet per letter. Let others write for themselves. Put stamps on your letter. We will not send the booklet if we have to pay postage on your letter, unless you enclose a gift for the work, or an order for books or subscriptions.

Now here are sample letters which bless our hearts.

Pastor Impressed With Ministry of THE SWORD

Dr. Warren Walker, pastor of the large Second Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, writes as follows:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"The consistency with which you are able to produce strong and readable sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD is amazing. I doubt that the Christian era has ever known a sermonic publication which surpassed this one in influence. God has certainly raised you up for a tremendous personal ministry and He has been pleased to use you in publishing sermons by spiritual giants.

"I want to personally express my appreciation for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Undoubtedly this strong printed witness has led the way for the present revival indications in the nation.

"God bless you in your ever-increasing responsibilities and faithful ministry.

"Yours in Christian bonds,"

(signed) Warren Walker

What THE SWORD OF THE LORD Is To a Godly Arkansas Pastor

From Rev. Charles Hearn, Route 1, Dardanelle, Arkansas, came the following wonderful letter. Someone else who has been so blessed ought to write also.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I have received THE SWORD OF THE LORD for the past three years and I have been wonderfully blessed by it. Being a rural pastor I would not want to be without it.

"To me it is a church service, for I let its sermons preach to me; a revival, because I find myself surrendering to its revival spirit; a weekly study course, for its pages provide me with helpful instructions; a religious news weekly, for by it I am informed of the progress of evangelists, schools, communists, modernists, false cults, churches, and radio programs; a commentary, for it affords helpful comments about many things too numerous to mention; a guide, because the variety of sermons has helped guide me in the right approach of evangelistic preaching; a fellowship, for it

More Than One Thousand Walk The "Sawdust Trail" In Jack Shuler Crusade, Modesto, California

Modesto, California, has just experienced three weeks of blessed revival with Jack Shuler, in a meeting which closed April 12. The crowds gathered in a large tent at the municipal ball park. Don De Vos led a choir of two hundred fifty voices; Bob Andersen and Sammy Allred also helped in the music. It is reported that the average daily attendance was well over the two thousand mark, with near capacity attendance of over three thousand on the week-ends. Many were turned away at the closing service, even though the tent flaps were lifted. More than one thousand walked the aisles to make public profession of faith.

The many pastors of various churches in the community worked together in splendid harmony. It was decided that an extensive program of follow-up and personal work would follow the campaign in order that every person making a decision would have further help and encouragement from experienced Christian workers. Through the home contact work of these counselors, many have been saved who never attended the services.

As a result of this blessed campaign, the pastors have expressed a desire for another campaign next year.

seems that I am able to fellowship with you and the many writers of the Gospel while reading it; a library, because each copy is filed away as part of my library for future reference.

"It has driven me to my knees in prayer; brought tears to my eyes and joy to my heart; given comfort in times of loneliness, inspiration in times of discouragement, and encouragement for soul winning.

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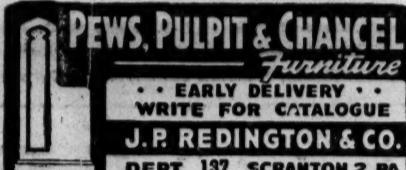
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A Summary of Religious Press Comments, etc.

What England Thinks of
Billy Graham

In an extended article appearing on March 30, the staid, conservative *London Times*, generally regarded as one of the most authoritative newspapers in the world, had the following to say in the opening paragraph:

The four weeks during which Mr. Billy Graham's Greater London Crusade has been running, each weekday, in Harringay arena, have seen much stocktaking. Mr. Graham himself, with the help of lieutenants and a large office staff who reduce everything to business like percentages, has been taking stock of Britain and its response to him; Protestant clergy and the religious press have been taking stock of Mr. Graham. On both accounts, the American evangelist and everybody associated with him seem to be thoroughly justified in the satisfaction they are feeling.

The article refers to the opin-

ions as expressed by Britain's extensive religious Press, an important factor in British life. During the weeks prior to the start of the Crusade, the religious Press gave strong support generally to the preparations then in progress. Since the opening of the Crusade, the religious Press has given virtually unanimous support and enthusiastic endorsement of the Crusade. The following are excerpts from various religious publications, the issues often of different weeks, all relating to the Crusade, and all typical of the attitude of the religious Press of England.

From the editorial column THE ENGLISH CHURCHMAN, issue of March 12, the following comment, typical of editorial comment in several newspapers:

At Harringay Arena, thousands night after night are flocking to hear the Gospel preached by Dr. Billy Graham. Already there is evidence that the Spirit of God is at work, convicting, converting, regenerating. This great Crusade has called forth a wonderful unanimity among Christians who normally worship in their different ways.

Front page headlines, and full page stories have characterized THE CHRISTIAN throughout the Crusade. Some of the headlines have read, GREATER LONDON'S BREATH OF REVIVAL and LONDON'S CRUSADE—THE RISING TIDE. In the issue of March 12, under the heading AN UNPRECEDENTED WEEK AT HARRINGAY, the paper reports in part:

Those who have doubted whether Dr. Billy Graham's type of evangelism would meet with the same interest and response in Britain as in America, received their answer last Saturday evening when Dr. Graham stated that both in regard to the total attendance and the numbers of inquirers who had come forward, he had known nothing to compare with it during the first week of any crusade he had led in the United States.

For the first eight days of meetings, the aggregate attendance reached 100,000 and over 2,000 inquirers came forward for personal talks with counselors... That there should be such interest in meetings devoted exclusively to the proclamation of the Gospel is puzzling to the Press and to the people outside the Churches; but those familiar with the Word of God and the ways of God know that He is working with His servants and confirming their testimony with signs following.

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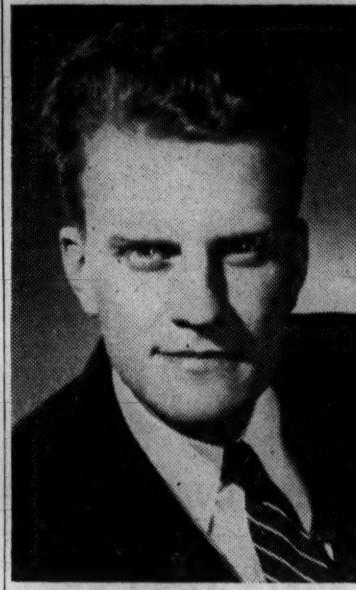
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All this is profoundly significant. Multitudes of people whom the Evangelical Churches have tended to regard as unreachably indifferent, have evinced a sense of need; a desire for the voice of spiritual authority. Indeed, how to accommodate all who want to attend the meetings is a major problem.

In the same issue, the LIFE OF FAITH comments editorially,

The first two weeks of the Greater London Crusade have seen God working so mightily in the meetings at Harringay Arena, that all who are praying for this great evangelical witness are rejoicing in the wondrous answer to faith and prayer. As the new converts, with others who are responding to the message daily, associate themselves with local churches throughout the metropolis, the repercussions will be profound. Churches will be rejoiced and quickened by this infusion of new life. Here is all the potentiality of the spiritual awakening for which we long, sweeping through all the Churches, like a reviving breath from on high.

An interesting sidelight is provided from the METHODIST RECORDER for March 25, where the Rev. Burnett Springman recounts of his meeting at the Arena

with a Roman Catholic priest. There we sat, two solitary people in the now empty arena, the Roman Catholic priest and I, a Methodist minister. We had talked hard for forty minutes, which seemed to me like five. "But why are you here?" I asked, "I should have thought you would have forbidden your people to come here." Gripping my hand

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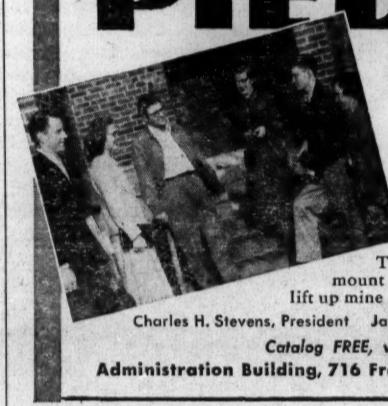
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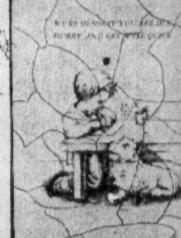


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Mr. Roland Davis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church in Berwick, Pennsylvania, writes of a meeting held by our brother, Jack Yost:

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"The Spirit of God has certainly been working through this young man. He not only preaches the Word of God, but lives it as well."

We are glad that God has called another to do "the work of an evangelist." Our brother Yost comes recommended by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University, and Mrs. Catherine Stenholm, director of Unusual Films.

He is booked now until the first of July, but would be glad to prayerfully consider any calls for revival work after that time. You may address him, Rev. Jack Yost, Berwick, R. D. No. 2, Pennsylvania.

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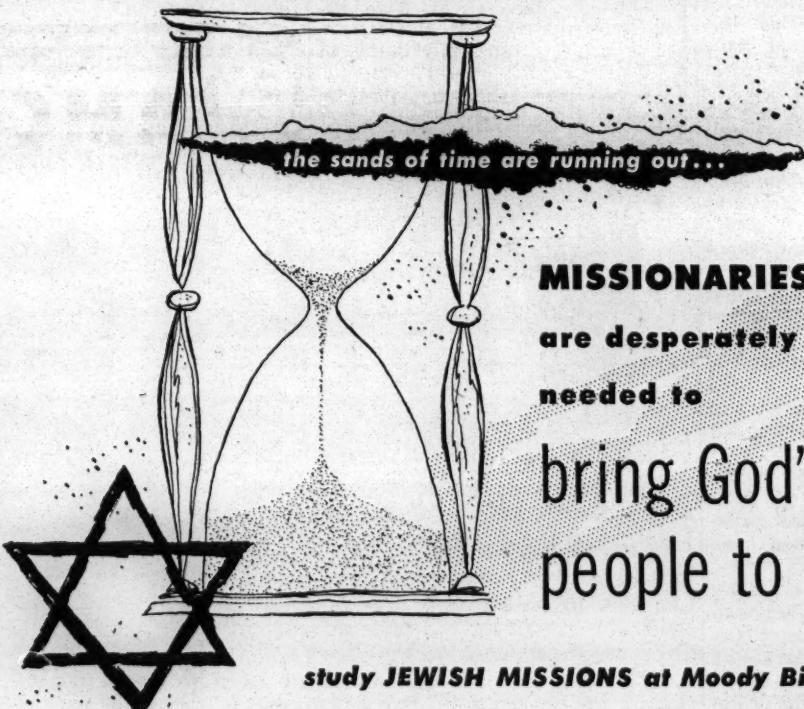
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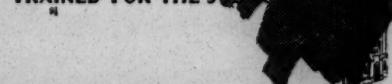
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News Flashes from Christian Schools

By Rev. Walter E. Handford, Vice-Pres.,
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Taylor University Honors Coach

Hon. John V. Beamer, Indiana member of the United States House of Representatives, was the speaker for a recognition banquet in honor of Coach Don J. Odle, held in Maytag Gymnasium on the campus of Taylor University, Saturday, March 27. The university served the banquet to an attendance of over 500.

Odle, athletic director at Taylor, was named outstanding young man of Indiana for 1953 by the Indiana Junior Chamber of Commerce on January 30. The honor came in recognition of his unusual work with the "Venture for Victory" Christian basketball and preaching tours of Formosa and other countries of the Orient during the past two summers.

News from Nyack Missionary Training Institute

The Ambassadors Quartette—Bill Lanpher, Jim Trainer, Paul Hazlett, and Lew Bird, with pianist Gerald Stilwell, will be traveling throughout the Midwest and Eastern Canada during the summer months.

The special speakers for Commencement weekend are: Baccalaureate—Dr. H. M. Shuman, President of the Christian & Missionary Alliance.

Commencement—Dr. Clarence E. Macartney of the Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Charles Bosseit of Ingolsheim, Bas-Rhin, France, one of the several M. T. I. students from foreign countries, enrolled in January. He is a special student in the

Missionary Course, and expects to return as a missionary to West Africa, where he worked in 1949-51 as a commercial employee of the French Air Lines. Mr. Bosseit completed two years of Bible study at Beatenberj Bible School in Switzerland in 1953, then returned to France for 7 months before coming to the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, New York.

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Berean Bible College also has a correspondence school to offer help by mail to students not able to attend in person. A letter addressed to the school at Calgary, Alberta, Canada will bring full information.

New Missionary Training School

The Dallas Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas, will begin a Missionary Training School next October at Camp Pearl near Reeves, Louisiana, according to the Institute's President, Martin O. Massinger.

Rev. Seth Baggett, pastor of the Reeves Independent Congregational Church and for twenty years a missionary in rural Louisiana, will be the local director of the school.

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T. ROLAND PHILIPS

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS BIBLE, by Douglas Johnson. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 144 pages, \$2.

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trust Him to come into your heart and bring with Him the peace of God forever! Will you trust Him today?

On Mother's Day you may be wearing a white flower for a mother who has already gone to meet her Saviour. What a blessed way to honor her if you this day repent of your sins and trust your mother's Saviour to be yours.

It may be that by God's good mercy your mother still lives and you can wear a red blossom, symbol of the privilege you have in honoring a living mother. You will send her a greeting or a gift, or you will visit her on Mother's Day perhaps. Then, in Jesus' name, honor God and honor your mother by taking Christ as your own

Saviour today! Tell her so; no doubt she will be glad!

Now if you will honestly take Christ as your Saviour, depending on Him to forgive you, opening your heart's door to Him widely today, will you sign the following statement, then copy it in a letter and mail it to me today?

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read your brief word about "Mother's Saviour." I had a good mother too.

I thank God for her. I want to trust her Saviour. I want her God to be my God. I want to meet her in Heaven. So here and now I confess myself to be a poor, lost sinner. And in my heart I repent of my sins and turn from them. Today I ask Jesus Christ to forgive me and I believe His sweet promise that He will forgive. This moment I turn to Him, I trust Him, I give Him my heart forever! I will call Him not only "Mother's Saviour"; I will call Him my Saviour too! By His grace and help, I will try to live for Him beginning today and will claim Him openly as my Saviour. Please send me a letter of counsel and encouragement.

Signed _____

Address _____

What England Thinks of Billy Graham

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firmlly, he replied, "My brother, I care for the souls of men, and if this is a sincere and honest attempt to bring men and women into a saving touch with Jesus Christ, then I give Billy Graham my hand."

A similar, interesting comment is recorded in the CHISTIAN HERALD, the April 3rd issue, where a Police Sergeant on duty outside the Arena is quoted:

There is something taking place inside there night after night which I should say might be termed a miracle.

In the METHODIST RECORDER, the issue of March 25, a review of the Crusade by John Betjeman, poet, essayist, critic and broadcaster, is reprinted from the SPECTATOR. In introducing the review, the Recorder says, "His essay is a notable contribution to the study of evangelism in a modern setting." The review, by Mr. Betjeman, concludes with these words:

I really think that if he (Billy Graham) has anything like the success he has had in America, when the history of this country comes to be written in a hundred years, Billy Graham's visit will be one of the most important events in it. We shall see whether that is true.

Meanwhile, I think all Churches should be grateful for the work which is being done for them. I don't think our own beloved Church of England need fear a landslide yet into it or out of it. People are beginning to think there is something outside what they can touch and see. They are even moving toward the idea of a Creator who cares for us individually. Let the Church go on saying its offices, administering the sacraments, avoiding stunts to fill pews or pandering to the indifference of pampered villagers.

Let it not sell all its old churches in the cities to build new ones in the suburbs. In the end the Truth will triumph. And maybe Billy Graham has lessened the time of waiting.

The BAPTIST TIMES in its issue of March 25 carried a front page article on the ministers' impressions of Billy Graham, as written by the Rev. A. Stuart Arnold. A portion of that article included these words:

"What do you really think of Billy Graham?"

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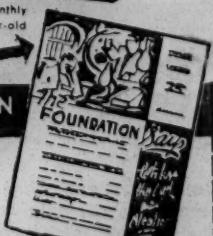
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Of course our Free Literature Fund will never pay its own way. Many thousands of dollars are needed each year for the literature we give away freely in many languages.

Our retail book sales by mail do not pay their own way. Yet there are millions of Christian people in America who are not within reach of a Christian book store, so must order by mail. This department has lost money every year for many years; yet we feel we are doing a real service and that we ought to sell books by mail to individuals who are not near a good book store.

But there are some fields besides free literature where we must definitely have help. For one thing, while THE SWORD OF THE LORD and some other parts of our work can pay their own way, they cannot pile up the capital which is absolutely necessary in maintaining such a large business. We must have help from Christian people to capitalize the approximately \$100,000 worth of books which are on hand continually, to pay for machinery and equipment. And we must have help to provide an adequate building for the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

No sensible person expects that a church will pay its way without offerings from the people. No sensible person expects a Bible

institute or college to pay its way without gifts from the people. State universities are supported by taxation, besides the tuition and fees they charge. Other large secular universities are supported by big endowments left them by rich men and women. Necessarily, Christian schools and colleges must be supported by the gifts of God's people. Most young men and women, called of God to the mission field, or to preach the Gospel, or just trying to be well-trained, good Christians, could not afford to pay all the costs of their own education.

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This editor will try to do more than the \$100, of course, and will ask godly men and women who can, to join him in giving larger amounts. But a number of earnest workers here in the Sword of the Lord office will try to give \$100 to this building fund, besides helping in the Free Literature Fund and to send subscriptions through our Missionary and Minister Subscription Fund. Will you do likewise?

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Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

In a revival meeting with Faith Memorial Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, there were 133 conversions, 15 joined the church by letter, and three surrendered to special service, and many true rededications. According to the report, record crowds attended the meeting... 1,461 in Sunday School, one Sunday. Evangelist DAN VESTAL, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching, and Joe Trussell of Houston, Texas, directed the music.

God has blessed Faith Memorial Church in a remarkable way. In 1941 the church was organized with 97 charter members. Today the membership is 2,155. Baptisms have increased per year to 215, and total additions a year are 429. Last year Faith Memorial led Union Association in baptisms. Rev. T. L. Mathis is pastor of this fine church.

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EVANGELIST CLIFTON W. BRANNON of Longview, Texas, conducted a revival in Kashmere Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, Rev. K. C. Stedman, pastor, March 28-April 4, in which 151 people were received as members of the church, 126 of these by baptism. The pastor writes that it was also a real revival in the hearts of his own members. One interesting point of the revival was that among those coming to Christ were five Catholics. The pastor writes: "I baptized every night, and three times on Sunday, and during the week a total of 101 people were baptized." The pastor continues, "On one night, Evangelist Brannon and I prayed that God would give us at least fourteen conversions. There were nineteen. I asked God that among those at the altar that we would have at least

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our Churches. If I had been asked that question two years ago I should have replied, "Just another American hot-gospeler." Today I answer, "I think he is a man who has been given an exceptional gift by God." What has made me change my mind? In the first place, when I knew that Graham was coming to England, I went to some trouble to find out more about him. I talked with men of repute who knew him; I got the views of trustworthy Americans; I read some of his sermons and saw films which featured his preaching. From this information I came to the conclusion that here was an evangelist to whom I could give my support.

Second, I attended three of his meetings in the Harringay Arena, and from what I have seen and heard, I believe that Graham may well be the man called by God to bring a new revival of spiritual power to our churches.

The March issue of the monthly magazine, *BIBLE SPEAKS TO BRITAIN*, carried this editorial comment:

God alone knows how profoundly this dear old country needs the ministry of Dr. Graham. We need it more even than after the war, when, exhausted and tired, we received Marshall aid from our American friends. Now we need help at a deeper level of need.

It has been the privilege of members of the Commonwealth to "save Westminster Abbey from ruin and decay." Many were proud to do what little they could for such a worthy cause. The Graham Crusade, however, has a nobler aim.

B. S. B. readers will join in the prayer—may our Lord Jesus bless mightily Dr. Billy Graham, his colleagues and helpers.

The CHURCH of ENGLAND NEWSPAPER, in the issue of March 5, carried the headline, GRAHAM CAMPAIGN CRIES 'BACK TO THE CHURCHES,' and commented on the opening meeting.

Every resource of modern tech-

nique and brilliant organization was laid under contribution to produce 11,000 people at Harringay Arena on Monday night. It was a new experience to be part of a football crowd moving from Manor House Station to... a religious meeting. All kinds of people assembled there. They came because they had heard how in their day, Torrey-Alexander, Moody and Sankey, Spurgeon and the great Wesley himself had initiated religious revivals.

In their distress at contemporary religion they clutched at the hope that a similar man with a genius for the mass meeting will in 1954 set in train a similar development.

In the March 26 issue of the same publication, the writer of the feature column, *The Church Family* was assigned the task of finding out why the people came to Harringay. In part the article said:

There was no sweep of emotion, no tears, no hysteria. Billy Graham is essentially a healthy young man. He has the engaging American habit of saying something far more shrewd and sensible than you had ever expected. You have heard the Scriptures explained just as clearly in your parish church, Sunday after Sunday, and I may say, just as eloquently. But there was a difference.

After all, I didn't find the answer as to what Billy Graham's audiences are seeking. I am quite sure that part of it, at least, is a religion that speaks in terms of their own every-day life—not the every-day life of a long-ago agricultural civilization, but a life that consists of newspaper publicity, radio comes, canned music, standing in queues and filling in forms. I am also sure that, whatever one thinks of the evangelist, the search for faith is real.

I am not afraid to smile at the Americanisms of Billy Graham. But I would not dare to speak lightly of that cross-section of the public who swarm out to Harringay looking for God.

— THE END —

Personal Work in Soul Winning

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which God has led him to use some text of Scripture that he would not otherwise have used, but which proved to be just the one needed.

3. We must pray God to give power to that which He has given us to say. We need not only a message from God, but power from God to send the message home. Most workers have to learn this lesson by humiliating experiences. They sit down beside an unsaved person and reason, and plead, and bring forth texts from the Word of God, but the man does not accept Christ. At last it dawns upon them that they are trying to convert the man in their own strength, and they lift a short but humble prayer to God for His strength, and in a very little while this "very difficult case" has settled the matter and is rejoicing in Christ.

4. We must pray to God to carry on the work after we have done everything in our power, and our work has come to an end. After having done that which seems to have been our whole duty in any given instance, whatever may have been the apparent result of our work, whether successful or unsuccessful, we should definitely commit the case to God in prayer.

If there is anything the average worker in this hurrying age needs to have impressed upon him, it is the necessity of much prayer. By praying more, we will not work any less, and we will accomplish vastly more.

IX. The ninth condition of success in personal work is the baptism with the Holy Ghost. In Acts 1:8 we read,

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

The supreme condition of power in the apostolic church was the

definite baptism with the Holy Ghost. The supreme condition of success in soul winning is the same today. Many in these days are trying to prove that there is no such thing as a special baptism with the Holy Spirit, but a candid and careful study of the Acts of the Apostles will show that there is.

Very many in our day also know by blessed experience that the baptism with the Holy Spirit is a present day reality. One ounce of believing experience along this line is worth whole tons of unbelieving exegesis, no matter how subtle and learned it may be. There are thousands of men and women in this and other lands who have been brought out of a place of powerlessness into a place of power in the Lord's service, through meeting the conditions plainly laid down in the Bible for receiving the Holy Ghost. This baptism with the Holy Spirit is for every child of God, and the one who would be largely used of God in personal work, must get it at any cost.

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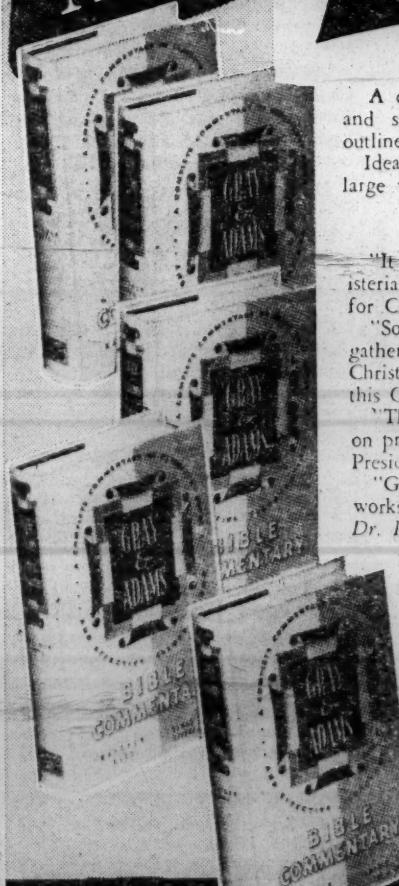
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No pagan philosopher could throw any light on the here-after. Even the Jews had very little knowledge. There were, of course, exceptions. David, for instance, was able to say, "He shall not return to me, but I shall go to him." He was confident of a reunion in the other world. Job, too, had a glimpse of the future. "If a man die," he asked, "shall he live again?" Then, in a sublime revelation, came the answer, "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

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Evangelists . . .

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EVANGELIST CLIFF ROBINSON, 1707 Kirby Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, writes:

"In the Bethel Baptist Church of Robertsdale, Alabama, the Lord blessed with a revival of the church members. Many of them received the vision for personal soul winning, and through their efforts the Lord gave us several professions of faith during the campaign. One young lady surrendered her life for missionary service."

Over 1,240 persons, mostly young people, were accommodated on the campus of Taylor University during the recent Youth Conference, April 2-4, which was called the best in the 21 years of its history. Other counselors and adults stayed in nearby towns and attended the meetings of the conference, at which Dr. Bob Cook, President of Youth for Christ International, was the main speaker. The final service on Sunday afternoon found approximately 3,400 people in Maytag Gymnasium, an overflow crowd. The cabinet reported that 226 decision cards were filled out—decisions to accept Christ, to spread the Gospel on the foreign field, and to enter full-time Christian service.

We are glad to have a report on some recent revival campaigns held by **EVANGELIST EDDIE MARTIN** of 2036 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In a letter dated April 10, Brother Martin says:

"Our campaign at Queensboro Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, resulted in 112 people being saved in eight days. I had the rare experience of winning five married couples to the Lord right inside their homes; all ten of them were baptized and joined the church."

The two week crusade at Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, resulted in 121 people being saved. Dr. Ramsey Pollard has already baptized over 80 of this number. At Knoxville it was my privilege to minister to the student bodies in 8 of the city high and junior high schools. We reached over 7,000 different youth with our positive Gospel program.

"We leave tomorrow for Dyersburg, Tennessee, where we will lead the Baptist Association in a united campaign in the high school gym."

away and we are left with lonely, aching hearts. For the heathen there is no hope. They cry aloud in their agony, for the dear one is gone, and gone forever. They throw themselves on the grave and cut their bodies till the blood gushes forth in the anguish of their loss. There is no hope of reunion. So it is with the unsaved everywhere. When the casket is closed and they gaze at the beloved face for the last time, hope within them dies, and they wonder if they can go on living.

Then comes Jesus. He tells of a life beyond. He opens the gate of Heaven. We catch a glimpse of immortality and we learn that we may meet again in another world. That little baby you parted with here will be yours up there. The husband who was taken from your side will be waiting for you over there. That dear one who left you long, long ago will welcome you to Heaven at last. The face you can never forget, you will see once more. When Jesus came He brought to all mankind the assurance of reunion with the loved ones gone on before, and He made the terms so simple that none need be afraid.

Oh, who could miss such bliss? Who could turn his back on such a prospect? Yet there are those who do, fools that they are. They know not Christ. His invitation they ignore. They will not accept Him as their Saviour. For them there is no hope. They must perish. The lake of fire will be their eternal doom. The crown, the diadem they might have worn will be given to others.

Some Christian, in Heaven, Will Miss the Crown Given Those Who Suffer for Christ

In the ancient church there was a noble band of forty faithful soldiers in one of the Roman legions who were condemned to

The First Commandment . . .

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ones in the bottom of the measure and the fine ones on top. When my mother saw what I was doing, she gave me a talk that I haven't forgotten to this day. I am not a self-made man. I am convinced my mother made me what I am." Possibly many of us, as we look back across the years, can say the same thing of our mothers. Surely to them we owe the profoundest of respect.

The "honor" of this commandment implies obedience. This is certain if we turn the pages of our Bible and see how honor is used upon other occasions. It is used of Jesus, "Honor the Son." The Master declared, "I honor my Father." The prophet of old spoke to the nation, calling upon the people, to honor the Lord with their substance.

We may be inclined to ask—just how far shall this obedience extend? Ephesians 6:1 quickly supplies the answer, only "in the Lord." This is the limitation that God puts about all of His people, whether young or old. As I think of marriage, it must be "only in the Lord." As I study my social connections they must be "only in the Lord." The same divine limitation applies to my companions, "only in the Lord."

What a beautiful example our Saviour has given us. We all know how the Scriptures tell us that He was "born under the law." And we know how He lived up to all the demands of the law even in the days of His extreme youth. He never failed in any respect nor did He miss a point. Only such a life is acceptable to God on a works basis. Luke 2:51 reminds us how Jesus was "subject unto them." He never on any occasion treated His mother with disrespect. Even in His dying agony upon the Cross we read, "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home" (John 19:26,27).

I have read how that in China on New Year's morning every son takes a present to his parents, thanks them for what they have done for him in the past and prays for the continuance of their affection. How blessed for all of us to honor our fathers and mothers by expressing our love not once a year, not merely on Mother's Day or Father's Day, but on many days of the year!

One of the tragic signs of the times as listed in II Timothy, the third chapter, is a growing disregard for parental authority. In

the second verse we read, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy." It is the natural heart finding expression in its rebellion against God. We hear much discussion in this day about children and young people. Some say they are Hell-bent and others declare it is not so. When has the flesh been any other than Hell-bent? All need equally to be regenerated by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Every child is a sinner in the eyes of God and not one ever got into Heaven by virtue of its sweetness or innocence. It is the blood of Christ that avails, even for infants.

Taking another look at the text, we see that it suggests a

Divine Representation

This is suggested in the words, "Thy father and thy mother." As a rule, we think of this particular commandment as the first upon the second table of the law, the ten being divided into four and six. I am inclined to feel otherwise and have divided the ten equally, five on the first table of stone and five on the second. In a sense, the parents stand for God and to the child they take the place of the heavenly Parent. They are never represented as being on an equality with the child, but rather as in the place of God.

Therefore, the first table deals with the duties which men owe to God; the second deals with duties which men owe to each other. This fifth commandment deals with the pertinent question of authority, the word which is a shibboleth upon the lips of many people today. It is generally understood there can be no authority in the nation or between the nations unless there is authority in the home. Authority begins in the home for it is there that human beings have their first relationships in life. When home authority decays, all authority decays.

As I think of this aspect of the fifth commandment, if we as parents want honor from our children, and if we stand before them as God, then we must be God-like and honorable. If we want their love, we must be loveable. Many a man has ruined the parable of the prodigal son so far as his own home was concerned for his conduct made the name of father a stench in the nostrils of his children. How essential it is that we teach them of the very One whose person we represent before their eyes and in their thinking! We must ever keep in mind that they will learn the ways of the world easily enough, and we must be diligent to point out to them early in their experience the ways of Heaven.

Our responsibility to our children hasn't ceased when we send them to Sunday School. Ours is to evangelize them and to teach them in the things of God's Word. They need regeneration and no one is better qualified to lead them to the foot of the cross and to the great heart of the Saviour than the parent.

The next phase of this blessed commandment suggests a

Definite Reward

This is seen in the statement, "That thy days may be long upon the land." It is the only portion of the Decalogue offering a reward to those who obey it. In Deuteronomy 5:16 there is an expansion of the promise. It reads, "That it may be well with thee." Here is indeed the blessedness of obedience. God actually makes national existence depend upon the purity of the home. Disobedience can only bring sorrow and ultimately death.

During World War II many came to know the meaning of dim-outs. There is still a terrible dim-out of home influences prevailing. Dr. Dan Gilbert, an astute Washington writer on religious and social affairs, in one of his booklets published in wartime presents the following facts:

"Recently a large factory producing the instruments of war advertised for more workers. A farm worker, in the city on business, saw the newspaper adver-

tisement. He immediately applied for the job, thinking that it was his patriotic duty. But before he could be considered, the authorities required that he answer a number of questions. One question was, 'What are you doing?' I am milking a string of cows,' came his reply. Immediately the interview ended. He was told to go back and continue as a farm worker. 'That is the biggest thing you can do for your country,' he was counseled. A few hours later a woman applied for the same job. She, too, was questioned to determine her availability. Had she been working in another defense factory, probably she would have been allowed to change jobs. Had she been milking a herd of cows, she would have been sent back to the farm. But she was engaged in none of these operations. She was merely a homemaker—merely the mother of six children. Without hesitation she was accepted for the position and went to work on the night shift, while her six young children were left to run the streets or suffer from neglect."

In commenting on this incident, Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City, said, "I believe this situation could have been duplicated a thousand times in the conditions that prevail during the war crisis. Many attempts were made to 'freeze' people in their jobs and some attempts were successful and rightly so. While we were freezing people in their jobs, why did we not freeze mothers in the most important of all jobs, that of bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? We played the fool in the name of war's necessities!" If our children are to live long and to enjoy what this commandment promises, they must have parents who will carry out the purposes of God, and parents whom they can obey and who will demand obedience.

Finally we come to the

Desired Realization

This is expressed in the words, "The land which the Lord thy

God giveth thee." To enjoy this rich heritage of grace in all its fullness, it was necessary to walk in obedience both before God and toward His representatives, the parents. We must never get away from the fountainhead of true blessing. While we are His children through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and this relationship has been established forever, yet there are responsibilities to be met and duties to be carried out if we are to share the enjoyment of the relationship as established by His grace.

I am reminded of the man who ever sought to keep before his mind the memory of what had been done for him. In a very low district in a great city a man stood in a wretched hovel. He was a rich man and well known for his public work and his public service. He had spent much of his life in working for others and in seeking to help the needy. He was asked what he was doing in such a place. He said, "I come here once a year. In this doorway, which is now about ready to tumble down, I stood a child of nine years of age, and by my side were my little sister of four and my brother of six. I do not know who my father was, and I cannot remember my mother. We were left there, and I realized that we were alone in the world. As I stood in that doorway I repeated the only words I knew that had to do with God: 'Our Father which art in heaven,' and I walked out with my little sister and brother, without a farthing and without hope. Every one knows what I am now. My prayer, poor as it was, was answered and I come here every year lest I forget the love and goodness of God to me."

The love of God is needed in the heart. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Only when it is shed abroad by the Holy Spirit through regeneration, can we be what God wants us to be. Lack of obedience shows need of love. The love of God in your heart and in mine can make us what we ought to be in relation to our fathers and mothers.

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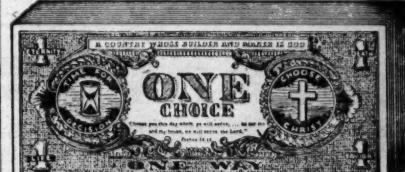
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